

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Introduction:

Claims 46 and 57 were amended to correct a typographical error and clarify the claims. Neither claim was amended for patentability reasons. In addition, paragraphs [0030], [0039], [0044], [0045], [0046], [0064], [0068], and [0069] were amended. Claims 2-4, 6, 7, 9-25, 39, 43, 45-54, and 56-62 remain pending in the application. (Claims 1, 5, 8, 26-38, 40-42, 44, and 55 were previously canceled.) Applicant respectfully requests reexamination and reconsideration of the application.

Objections To The Specification:

The disclosure has been objected to on various grounds. Applicant has amended paragraphs [0030], [0039], [0044], [0045], [0046], [0064], [0068], and [0069], which addresses all of the Examiner's concerns regarding those paragraphs. Moreover, Applicant has amended those paragraphs as directed by the Examiner in the Office Action.

Applicant has carefully considered the Examiner's request regarding the generic reference "90." Reference "90" refers, however, to a transmission line, which in the example shown in Figures 11 and 12 is the same in each integrated circuit 86. Because the transmission line is generic in the example illustrated in Figures 11 and 12, a generic reference "90" is appropriate. Therefore, Applicant believes that the generic reference "90" should remain in the drawings and the specification.

Objections To The Drawings:

Figure 9 and Figure 15 have been objected to. Again, after carefully considering the Examiner's objections to those figures, Applicant believes that Figures 9 and 15 are correct and request that the objections to the drawings be withdrawn. In Figure 9, the electromagnetic couplers 62 are not visible and therefore not shown. The description of Figure 15 in the specification was amended in Amendments dated August 21, 2004 and March 22, 2004 and no longer includes references to labels "112" and "118." Therefore, Figure 15 is consistent with its description in the specification. Thus, Applicant respectfully traverses the objection to the drawings and ask that those objections be withdrawn.

Objections To Claims:

Claims 46 and 57 were objected to. Applicant has amended those claims to address the Examiner's concerns and believe that the objections have been overcome.

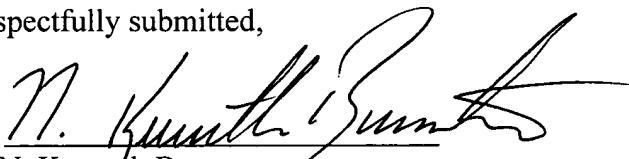
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As a final note, Applicants submitted two Information Disclosure Statements that have not been initialed and returned: (1) an Information Disclosure Statement citing three references and received by the PTO on April 1, 2003; and (2) an Information Disclosure Statement citing two references and received by the PTO on September 29, 2003. Applicants have enclosed a copy of each of these Information Disclosure Statements and ask that the listing of references in each Information Disclosure Statement be initialed and returned.

Conclusion:

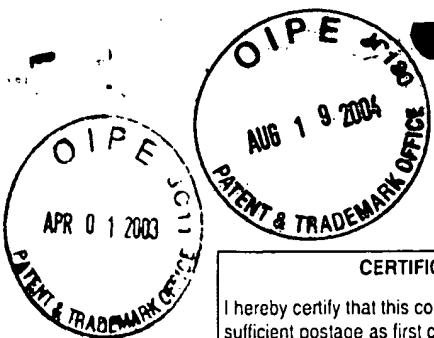
In view of the foregoing, Applicant submits the application is in condition for allowance. If the Examiner believes that a discussion with Applicant's attorney would be helpful, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at (801) 323-5934.

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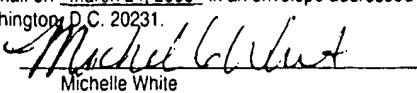


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In the application of: Charles A. Miller
Application No.: 09/851,566
Filing Date: May 8, 2001
For: ELECTROMAGNETICALLY COUPLED
INTERCONNECT SYSTEM
ARCHITECTURE

Examiner: D. Cathey
Group Art Unit: 2817

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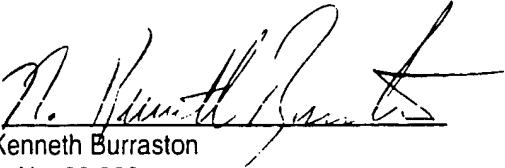
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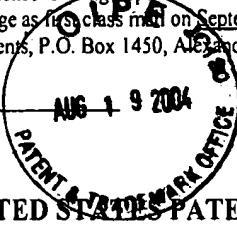
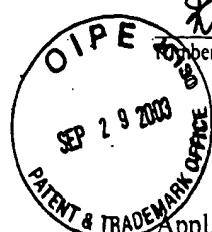
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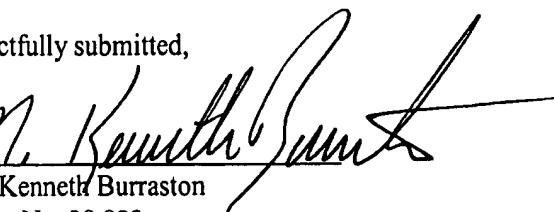
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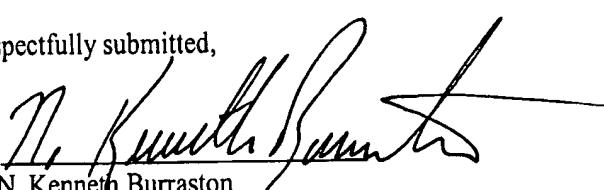
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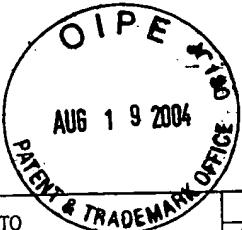
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